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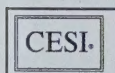
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# VERITAS and DISCIPLINE, a Natural Way Forward

**B**y now, it should be apparent that the VERITAS vision has become a significant part of everything we do at Selwyn House. It matters simply because we have seen that it makes a difference. It is real, it is measurable, it comes from the heart, and it is based on human substance. We should be proud of our roots, and we should fight hard to keep this VISION alive and relevant.

Like any other aspect of a healthy school life, an effective culture of discipline must align with the overall vision. Within these parameters must exist a balance between compassion, consequences, acceptance and, above all, an understanding of boys' behaviour.

For years, I have had conflicting thoughts with regard to the concept of discipline. What is a disciplined school? How should discipline be exercised? What does effective discipline look like? It's a personal and continuous search for balance and fairness. After twenty-six years of leading schools, I do have strong opinions as to what works and what doesn't.

The reality is that I am not interested in creating a group of wonderful actors. Boys and men know how to perform at the highest level. At the risk of being provocative, I do not want our boys to *act* in a decent, caring, respectful, responsible fashion. I consider this too easy. What I do want is for our boys to *be* decent, caring, respectful, and responsible. The former is completely without substance, while the latter actually means we have achieved greatness. To frame in it in a different context, we would like our boys to develop good judgment, but often good judgment is the learned result of experiences that arise from bad judgment. Does this mean that we need to promote bad judgment? Of course not, but it does mean our mindset must change. Mistakes, failures, lack of judgment (and this is a reality at boys' schools) simply mean we have an opportunity to build deeper character. We have a chance to build decency, respect, tolerance and empathy.

We have a chance to reach the lofty ambitions established by our vision of VERITAS. To be slightly controversial (and think carefully about the following statement), we must allow our boys to be disrespectful, for when they are not (and that is the expectation) we will know they are truly respectful.

In order to create this environment, I am suggesting we look at a few strategies that together form our de facto discipline policy. The first is to create a culture of prevention. This can be summed up by a rather important comment: Establishing meaningful relationships with our boys is the most effective way to prevent discipline issues arising. This is why the concept of a relational school is so crucial. True relational schools create legitimate cultures of respect, tolerance, and acceptance. When incidents occur, rather than default to a punitive mode, we should ask ourselves: how could such an incident have been prevented? There is usually a clear answer to this difficult question. It just takes a different mindset.

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The second strategy is not overly complicated: apologize. When mistakes happen, apologize. If we want to see respect levels rise, adults must model behaviour, admit when they are wrong and apologize. As I continually tell the boys, when you truly feel an apology has come from the heart—and only then—accept it. Anyone can *say* they are sorry, but it requires legitimate remorse to actually *mean* you are sorry. That is substance. Remorse is a tremendous building block to honing character.

Finally, consequences (And can we please eliminate the use of the word "punishment"?) do matter, and are important. The caveat is that we must always separate the behaviour from the person. In a spiritual context, we are

taught to love the sinner and hate the sin. Selwyn House is full of great boys (and faculty) who occasionally do silly, stupid, ignorant and terrible things. That is life, but it is the behaviour we must focus on. Boys are semantic animals. I have no right to call anyone an idiot, but I do maintain the right to inform someone they are acting like an idiot. The words do make a difference.

The process for dealing with unfortunate incidents can be straightforward, but it is consistently misunderstood. It involves four distinct steps. The first is recognition. This is the process by which all the facts are determined in a timely fashion.

Resolution occurs when a meaningful, well-thought-out consequence for the behaviour is determined and articulated.

Reconciliation involves forgiveness and compassion. If we think that punishment is an effective way to improve the behaviour of others, we have a great deal to learn. This type of example does not work. Boys will change their behaviour when they see compassion, fairness, empathy and understanding. It is important to boys that the person has been separated from the behaviour. Even when the consequence is expulsion, I believe strongly we have an obligation to work with the student and his family to help with the transition.

Finally, restitution is the process by which a student understands (gets it), has shown learning has taken place, and is now able to get back on track. He has learned from his mistake.

Without reconciliation and restitution, discipline becomes ineffective. We cannot afford to stop the process after resolution.

The bottom line is that all this takes a great deal of effort. It is not easy. Many challenges exist, and frustration can be common. But it is completely worth it if we are going to use a discipline system to help create a world of significant men. In the end, that is what we are all about.



# Rondeau receives Speirs Medal

**R**etired Selwyn House Elementary School teacher Martin Rondeau received the 2014 Speirs Medal during the school's Founder's Day celebrations on November 27.

M. Rondeau was a pioneer of the French immersion program that has become so successful at Selwyn House. Between 1981 and 2012, Martin taught nearly every grade in the Elementary School, serving under four headmasters and helping steer the school through its growth into becoming a school that is capable of preparing boys for the Quebec of the future.

This was the first time a Speirs Medal reception speech has been presented entirely in French, which is appropriate for M. Rondeau's legacy as someone who has been instrumental in transforming Selwyn House into a fully bilingual institution.

M. Rondeau recalled some milestones in the school's 35-year history of developing its French-immersion program. Selwyn House was the first anglophone private school in Montreal to have an immersion program, he pointed out.

He gave due credit to his colleague, former Elementary School Head Alain Weber, who was a co-founder of the Selwyn House immersion program.

"Everyone at Selwyn House was a pioneer," M. Rondeau said modestly.

M. Rondeau marked the anniversaries of the progress of French immersion in the Elementary School. Learning activities in French began with Grade 6 making visits to a local farm, a week of total immersion where the boys were dropped into a different reality.

Over the years, the list of activities in French included the Francofête, Foire de livre and La Dictée Paul Guerin Lajoie Project, an international competition for students from kindergarten to Grade 6, both francophone students and those in French as a second language classes.

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Starting in 1997, at the urging of then-Elementary Head Carol Manning, the Elementary School Science Department launched Expo-sciences, a science fair entirely in French that continues to be a major event at the school. Also in 1997, music classes started to be taught in French. This was soon expanded to include some phys-ed activities in French and, by 2002, Elementary School art classes were also being taught in French.



**Martin Rondeau (centre) receives the Speirs Medal from Selwyn House Board Chair Michael Denham. At right is former Selwyn House teacher Hélène Bourduas, who introduced M. Rondeau.**

In 2010 the school launched its Semaine francophone, which became the Brigade du Français in 2013.

"I am proud of having contributed to the development and progress of this program, and I thank the school for the Speirs Medal," M. Rondeau said. "I would like to share this honour and joy with all the players in the immersion program, the teaching and non-teaching staff, the students and the parents."

"We are all pioneers. Happy birthday to Selwyn House and long live immersion."

Also during the Founder's Day program, retired Selwyn House math teacher Andy Lumsden was named Honorary Old Boy, and Parent Association Past Chair Christine Cachia received the Nancy Pitfield Award for volunteerism, named for the late Nancy Pitfield, an exemplary volunteer who received the Speirs Medal posthumously in 2000.

Founder's Day 2014 was observed as the 106th birthday of Selwyn House School and as an occasion to honour the school's founder, Captain Algernon Lucas.

To view videos of Martin Rondeau's acceptance speech, Christine Cachia receiving the Pitfield Award, and Andy Lumsden's induction as a Honorary Old Boy, go to [www.selwyn.ca](http://www.selwyn.ca) and click on "photos".



# Torrey comes home to Habs

Selwyn House hockey fans were ecstatic on June 15, when it was announced that **Torrey Mitchell 2002** had signed a contract with the Montreal Canadiens and would be staying with the team for another three years.

Last March, the news that Torrey had been traded to Montreal from the Buffalo Sabres was excitement enough, but everyone knew his hometown berth could be short-lived once he became an unrestricted free agent on July 1. In the end Torrey signed with Montreal before the deadline, reassuring all his hometown fans that his run with the Habs was just beginning.

Torrey's mother, Sheila, was "in heaven" reported Torrey's dad, retired Selwyn House Athletic Director Steve Mitchell. Torrey and his wife, Brindy, have a 14-month-old daughter, Kate, and are expecting a second daughter in November, so the news was cause for celebration by the family even more than for the fans.

Back in March, Torrey was also a bit overwhelmed to be traded back to his hometown, to be wearing the same iconic red jersey he and his older brother, **Josh 2000**, wore when they were young. "Josh and I watched every Montreal game as kids," he told *Veritas*. "My family and I went to five or six games every season. You can't help but love the Habs when you grow up here as a hockey fan. There's such a tradition about it."

Despite all the congratulatory emails, texts and phone calls from old friends, classmates and Old Boys, it took a week or two for the reality of his new job to sink in.

And that first faceoff on Montreal ice? "It was pretty out-of-this-world," he says. "Just the warm-ups were awesome. Incredible. Surreal."

"I've started to calm down now and just focus on just playing hockey," Torrey says. "But I'm living my dream."

That dream was decades in the making. In 2002, retired Selwyn House teacher and coach Tom Nicoll recalled the days when Steve Mitchell used to build a rink every winter behind the family's Greenfield Park home. "After a game, Torrey would come home, eat dinner, and then go out on the rink for another two or three hours, working on his skating and shooting," said Tom. This is one thing that often separates the very good athlete from the elite athlete: passion for his sport."

In Grade 7 at Selwyn House, Torrey was named athlete of the year; in Grades 8 and 9 he was named the MVP of the bantam hockey team; and in Grade 10 he was a member of the champion senior football team, Tom recounted. He was offensive player of the year on the senior hockey team,



averaging over two points per game.

Torrey didn't play for Selwyn House in his final year. Instead, he played for the Charles Le Moyne Riverains, the best Midget AAA team in Quebec, where he "almost single-handedly took his team to the Air Canada Cup," Tom said. "This is one of the reasons why the scouts loved his play and had him slotted to be taken in the first round of the QJHL draft."

With the guidance of his parents, Torrey decided to forego the junior draft and accept a full scholarship to attend Hotchkiss School in Connecticut to play division-one prep-school hockey, despite having great pressure from various hockey organizations. He went on to become co-captain of the University of

Vermont Catamounts, and by 2004 he had been drafted by the San Jose Sharks, where he scored 10 points in his rookie year. He was traded to the Minnesota Wild in the summer of 2012, and then to the Buffalo Sabres in the middle of the 2013-2014 season.

He was traded to Montreal just in time to head to the playoffs. "I was hoping to get traded to a cup contender," he says, "but I didn't know it was going to be Montreal." His first playoff goal—against Ottawa on April 15—was enough to make his hometown fans go wild.

Ultimately, Montreal was eliminated by Tampa Bay in the Eastern Conference second round. His dad says Torrey is "excited, motivated and training" for next season and devoting time to his family.

He is busy getting his growing family settled in near his boyhood home and near the Habs' training centre, and preparing for Josh's wedding. He says he's glad to be playing with a team on the Eastern Seaboard for the first time in his career, because it keeps him closer to home.

Steve claims that, when he spent all those nights hosing down the home rink he did not see his son's future unfolding the way it has. "I always had a love for hockey and I wanted both my boys to share my passion," he says, "but I did not push them in any particular direction."

Apparently, the apple never falls far from the tree: Josh is teaching phys-ed and running the family hockey school, and, with a "very positive" attitude among his teammates, Torrey has his sights on another run at the Cup.

But, as his dad says, family has always come first with the Mitchells. What is Torrey's greatest hope to come out of all this? "Hopefully," he says, "Kate will grow up to be proud that her dad played with the Montreal Canadiens." ■



# Penner new chair of Hydro QC

**M**ichael Penner '86 says his new job as Chairman of the Board of Hydro Quebec is a challenge and "It is a tough job." But, he adds, "I am loving every minute of it."

In October 2014 Premier Phillippe Couillard announced that Michael would be taking over the position vacated by Pierre-Karl Peladeau, who resigned from the Chairmanship to run for the Quebec National Assembly.

Michael seems humbled to have taken on the job of stewarding the 70-year-old state enterprise through the next development phase.

"Hydro Quebec occupies a mythical place in our province," Michael points out. "It is not only a source of pride for Quebecers, but also a motor of our economy with 20,000 employees and close to \$14 billion in revenues in 2014. Including royalties on water use, Hydro-Quebec contributes more to the Province's revenues than almost all other corporate taxpayers—combined"

"Hydro is world renowned for building the cleanest, most robust electrical generation and transmission system in the world," he says proudly. "Now we must both ensure this legacy for future generations and build upon it at the same time."

Michael has taken the reins at a time when the leadership of the corporation is in transition. "My first challenge has been to rebuild the board and ensure proper governance is in place, while taking the lead in the recruitment of our new CEO." This task, he says, has proven to be "challenging but rewarding."

"With Eric Martel's recent appointment, the Board's focus is now on our next strategic plan. This will give Hydro the idea on what best new avenues we have to conquer the world of energy."

Michael's plate was already full before he took on the Hydro job. In 2006 he had taken over the helm of PEDS Legwear, formerly Richelieu Legwear, at a time when globalization was shutting down many North American manufacturers. In order

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to survive he was forced to transfer production offshore, but a year ago he saw an opportunity to bring back manufacturing to the United States through a \$16M acquisition of a North Carolina manufacturer.

The deal went through in large measure due to the support PEDS secured from Wal-Mart, the state of North Carolina and the Buy American program of the United States government.



In May of last year Michael found himself joining 10 other heads of manufacturing industry for a special audience at the White House with President Barack Obama, who was trying to promote foreign investment in the US.

All this activity obviously requires Michael to keep several balls in the air at once. "I have had to learn to juggle two jobs, three offices, five kids and one very supportive wife," he says.

His secret? "You would be amazed at how much work you can get done on airplanes and by giving up golf."

Back in May of 2009, Michael was named one of Canada's Top 40 Under 40.

Michael has served Selwyn House both as president of the Old Boys' Association (2001-2004) and as a member of the school's Board of Directors (2001-2014) and Chairman of its Governance and Nominating Committee. ■



# Jon Kay moves to The Walrus

**J**onathan Kay '85 reports to *Veritas* that he is having a great time in his new job as editor-in-chief of Canadian newsmagazine *The Walrus*.

"Working at the *National Post* was extremely rewarding," he says, "but after 16 years there, I felt like I couldn't bear to write another editorial about the Middle East, terrorism, Quebec separatism, federal politics or free trade."

"I knew it was time for a career change when I would start to write a column, and then ask myself, 'Hey, haven't I written this before?' Then I'd search Google and find out that, sure enough, I was effectively plagiarizing something I'd written years before."

Jon had become a member of the *National Post* editorial board when the paper was founded in 1998, and was serving as editor of the Full Comment section until his recent departure.

On October 29, 2014, it was

announced that Jon would become the fourth editor of *The Walrus*. He resigned from the *Post* the following month, but continues to contribute opinion pieces on a freelance basis.

Since its founding in 2003, *The Walrus* has been the most-decorated periodical at the annual National Magazine Awards.

"*The Walrus* is a monthly magazine instead of a daily newspaper," Jon explains, "so I no longer feel compelled to write on short notice about the 24-hour news churn. Instead, I can focus on long-form journalism requiring more research and refinement. It's a nice mid-career change of pace. Since joining *The Walrus*, I've written about Mordecai Richler, Uber, the rehabilitation of pedophiles, journalistic ethics, HPV vaccines, euthanasia and (my personal favourite) monster trucks."

"One of the big differences between this job and my old position at the



*National Post* comes down to ideology. *The Post* is a right-of-centre publication, and the opinion pieces I was writing and editing largely reflected that. *The Walrus*, on the other hand, is a non-political outlet. In fact, we are run by a charitable entity, The Walrus Foundation, with an explicitly educational, non-partisan mandate. (Visit our website to donate!)"

"That means I have to save my partisan fusillades for my occasional freelance columns in the *National Post*. Or for Twitter, where people can connect with me at @jonkay."

After Selwyn House, Jon attended Marianopolis and went on to earn degrees in metallurgical engineering from McGill University and a law degree from Yale Law School. He is a member of the New York bar. After practicing as a tax lawyer in New York City, Kay moved to Toronto in 1998.

Jon has also had two non-fiction books published. In 2007, he co-authored *The Volunteer*, and wrote *Among the Truthers: A Journey Through America's Growing Conspiracist Underground*, which came out in 2011.

Jon was a freelance editorial assistant on *Common Ground*, the memoir of Canadian Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau, and contributed to *Shakedown*, by Sun News personality Ezra Levant. ■



Jon Kay, left, and Geoff Moore '83, right, in a charity match with tennis champions Simon Bartram and Daniel Nestor.



# Campbell hired by Hudson

**S**elwyn House Old Boy **Duncan Campbell '69** has been hired as interim director-general for the municipality of Hudson, Quebec, it was announced on April 24.

Duncan was hired by Hudson to straighten out internal problems that arose after allegations of impropriety by members of the previous administration.

Hudson Mayor Ed Prévost was quoted by *The Gazette* as saying that Duncan “loves challenges and to turn things around.”

“The challenges are pretty significant,” Duncan agrees, “but we will try our best to turn it around.”

“Hudson is a unique community in our province, and does not need the notoriety that has befallen it,” he adds.

Duncan has been hired for a five-month term in Hudson, and has reportedly expressed no interest in staying on after that time.

Duncan brings a wealth of experience in municipal administration to his new job, having served as director-general for the municipality of Westmount from 2008 to 2015. Prior to this he served 14 years as director-general for the Town of Mount Royal, followed by six years as associate director-general of the Montreal megacity.

After graduating from Selwyn House in 1969, Duncan earned a degree in civil engineering at Carleton University in Ottawa and went to work for Canadian National Railway. In 1984 he earned his MBA from the University of Western Ontario. Four years later he went to work for TMR as director of operations, moving up to director-general nine months after.



**Duncan Campbell with his wife, Barbara, at Founder's Day 2011**

Over the years, Duncan has continued to serve Selwyn House tirelessly, as a member of the school's board of directors from 1988 to 1990 and from 1999 to 2007. He also served as president of the Old Boys' Association from 1988 to 1990.

Although he grew up in TMR, Duncan's family has its roots in Westmount. Duncan's great-grandfather George Hogg served as mayor of Westmount 80 years ago.

Duncan's son, Robbie, graduated from Selwyn House in 2002 and from Harvard University in 2008.

# Côté named outstanding teacher

**E**tienne Côté '85 was one of 10 outstanding Canadian university teachers featured in the February 23 Student Issue of *Maclean's* magazine. Etienne, who teaches veterinary cardiology at the University of Prince Edward Island's Atlantic Veterinary College, was chosen to be a recipient of the 3M National Teaching Fellowship because of his human approach to pet medicine and for mentoring his students even after they graduate.

3M fellows become lifetime members of the society, and gather at Banff, Alberta for

brainstorming sessions on ways to improve higher education.

Etienne is also a 2009 recipient of the Distinguished Teaching Award given by the Association of Atlantic Universities.

“Dr. Côté is an outstanding teacher who demonstrates a tireless commitment to continuously improving learning for his students,” said Dr. Donald L. Reynolds, Dean of the Atlantic Veterinary College at UPEI on the occasion of the award. “We are proud to have him recognized in such a deserving manner.”





# Hallward to receive Speirs

**F**ormer Selwyn House Board Chairman **John Hallward '78** will receive the 2015 Speirs Medal, it was announced July 6.

John Hallward joined the board of directors in 1996 and was chairman from 2003 to 2007. Before he became chair, John served as chair of the Finance Committee, where he “led one of the most important and successful strategic planning processes that the school has undertaken,” said former Selwyn House Headmaster Will Mitchell in 2008. “That process,” Mr. Mitchell said, “helped launch us into the very significant facilities and endowment building programs that we have embarked on in the ensuing years.”

As a man who once described himself as “a businessman who is passionate about philanthropy,” it is not so surprising that John comes from a family that has a history of service to their community.

His late father, Hugh '40, a co-founder of the Montreal Expos, served as Chair of McGill University's Board of Governors and as president of the McGill Alumni Association. John's mother, Martha, was a member of the Selwyn House Board of Directors from 1994 to 1997, and served on the board of the school's Veritas Fund—the investment arm of the school—from 1980 to 1986.

John has been a member of the Selwyn House board that manages the Veritas Fund since 1999, serving as Chair since 2013, and has also sat on the board of the Lucas Fund since 2003.

After attending Selwyn House from 1967 to 1975, John graduated from Bishop's College School and, later, earned a B.Com. from Queen's University. He worked as a research associate for Procter and Gamble in Toronto and as a research manager for Johnson and Johnson in Montreal. In 1986 he co-founded Tandemar Research, which was acquired in 2000 by the Ipsos-ASI marketing group, the third-largest market research company in the world. He served on the board of Ipsos-ASI and as their president



**From left: John Hallward with his wife, Karma and her brother (and Selwyn House parent) Tim Price at Founder's Day 2013**

of global product development.

John has visited Selwyn House many times to speak to students about marketing research, and also about his growing interest: philanthropy. John has studied the world's wealthiest societies and found that, psychologically speaking,

**John will receive the Speirs Medal on Founder's Day, Nov. 26.**

they are among the poorest people on earth. His findings are explored in his new book *The Happiness Equation: the Human Nature of Happy People*.

John and the Hallmount Foundation have established GIV3, an initiative to promote the personal and community benefits of philanthropy. His first book, *Gimme! The Human Nature of Successful Marketing*, published in 2007, explored some of these themes. John has spoken

to Selwyn House students on more than one occasion on the importance of getting involved in charitable activities.

John's wife, Karma Price Hallward, has also been an extremely active volunteer for Selwyn House serving as president of the Parent Volunteer Association. She was named an Honorary Old Boy in 2010.

John and Karma have two sons who attended Selwyn House: Derek 2007 and Evan 2009. Their daughter, Laura, attended The Study.

John will receive the Speirs Medal on Founder's Day, which will be held on November 26, 2015 in Coristine Hall.

The Speirs Medal, named for former Headmaster the late Dr. Robert Speirs, is the highest honour the school can bestow upon any member of its community. It is presented each year as part of the school's observance of Founder's Day.



# Rugby Gryphons conquer Italy

The Senior Rugby Gryphons invaded the shores of Italy March 4 through 16 in search of the perfect rugby match.

For this trip, the team was made up of 16 boys from Grades 9 through 11, accompanied by coaches Peter Govan and Alfie Paoletti, along with **Vince Guzzo '86**, who not only accompanied the team much of the time and hosted them for dinner, but provided a special wardrobe for the trip.

As a matter of fact, the whole trip

was pretty much Vince's idea. He was a member of the Selwyn House team when they went on their historic tour of France in 1986 on Govan's first rugby tour. On that outing, the team played five games, including three very competitive ones, and had a very tough training session.

According to Govan, when the Senior Gryphons came back from a tour of New Zealand three years ago, Guzzo said, "Why don't you go to Italy? You might actually win a game."

This time, four or five of the Selwyn

House boys had never played rugby in their lives.

"We rallied together and lifted our game to be as competitive as we could under the circumstances," says Govan. "The boys showed pride, toughness and team spirit, but our main concern was to keep everyone safe."

The Gryphons played only two games in Italy, and were unable to take home a win. On the bright side, the two-game format gave them more free time for touring. They visited Venice, Verona, Florence, Rome, Siena and the Vatican.

The trip to Vatican City was "our toughest day on tour," Govan recalls. "But, for me, that was a personal highlight." That was when they attended an address by Pope Francis, where they stood on the stage near His Holiness.

The whole crew was up at 4 a.m. By 9:30 they were onstage with the Pope. "He was standing no more than 30 feet from us," Govan recalls. "It was the memory of a lifetime."

Later they attended a medieval banquet, where the boys participated in skits organized by their hosts. "It makes history come alive when you see it," says Govan. "You're overwhelmed."

A personal highlight for Coach Paoletti was attending a rugby match between Italy and France at the Stadio Olimpico in Rome. The gusto with which the Italians sang their national anthem was uplifting, he says.

Back in the 1986 trip to France, the Rugby Gryphons spent half their nights billeted with French families, which meant the boys were often away from the watchful eye of their chaperones.

This time, in Italy, the boys were very good, says Coach Govan. "The closest we got to anything going wrong was when we lost one student in the Vatican when he went to the washroom," says Govan.

They went back to look for him. The fact that he was wearing the Gryphon Rugby uniform made it easy to pick him out in the crowd. ■



Above: Vince Guzzo '86, with sons Vittorio 2017 (left) and Angelo 2015 in the uniforms designed for the Italy trip. Below: Rugby Gryphons in a scrum in Italy





# Award named for James McMillan

Selwyn House Advancement Director James McMillan was honoured by his colleagues on January 30 at the biennial conference of the Canadian Accredited Independent Schools Advancement Professionals (CAISAP).

The new McMillan-Edwards Award for Advancement Support Staff was created in recognition of Mr. McMillan and his fellow CAISAP board member Laura Edwards, of York House School in BC. Approximately 150 advancement workers representing 64 schools from across the country (plus one in Bermuda) attended the three-day sold-out Montreal conference, which was co-hosted at the Hotel Place-d'Armes in Old Montreal by Selwyn House School and Trafalgar School for Girls.

Billed as "The Best of CAISAP," the conference featured interactive presentations by CAISAP members, with panelists sharing tips on what has made their programs successful. Topics included: managing data effectively, successful friendraising and fundraising programs, unique communications and marketing initiatives, best office practices, and examples of advancement leadership working with admissions, directors, volunteers, heads of school, and donors.



Laura Edwards and James McMillan receive recognition for their new award from CAISAP sponsor John Davies (right).

## Old Boys' Calendar of Events 2015-2016

**Thursday, August 13, 2015:**  
**16th Young Old Boys' BBQ**  
 (Classes 2010-2014)  
 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Coristine Hall

**Tuesdays, September-April**  
**Old Boys' Blues Band**  
 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Band Room

**Wednesdays, September 16 to May:**  
**Old Boys' Wednesday Night Basketball**  
 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Macaulay Gym

**Saturday, September 12, 2015:**  
**1st Old Boys' Toronto Golf Classic**  
 1:00 p.m. Angus Glen Golf Club

**Sunday, September 20, 2015:**  
**2nd Fall Classic Golf Tournament**  
 9:00 a.m. Caughnawaga Golf Club

**Friday, September 25:**  
**37th Montreal Old Boys' Reunion**  
 5:00 – 11:00 p.m. Coristine Hall

**Sat, September 26, 2015:**  
**3rd Annual Touch Football Tournament**  
 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. SoccerPlexe Catalogna

**Saturday, October 17, 2015:**  
**6th Annual Ball Hockey Tournament**  
 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Speirs Gym

**Wednesday, October 21, 2015:**  
**Calgary Old Boys' Reunion**  
 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Venue TBD

**Thursday, October 22, 2015:**  
**Vancouver Old Boys' Reunion**  
 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Venue TBD

**Wednesday, November 4, 2015:**  
**Grade 11 OBA Induction Dinner**  
 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Coristine Hall

**Thursday, November 12, 2015:**  
**Ottawa Old Boys' Reunion**  
 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Venue TBD

**Thursday, November 26, 2015:**  
**Founder's Day**  
 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Coristine Hall

**Thursday, December 17, 2015:**  
**18th Annual Hockey Tournament**  
 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. Westmount Rec Centre

**January 2016 – date TBD:**  
**Old Boys' Winter Soccer Game**  
 Indoors – information TBA

**Thursday, January 14, 2016:**  
**12th Colin No Basketball Classic**  
 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Speirs Gym

**Wednesday, March 16, 2016:**  
**Paris Old Boys' Reunion**  
 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. Venue TBD

**Thursday, March 17, 2016:**  
**London Old Boys' Reunion**  
 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. Venue TBD

**Thursday, March 31, 2016:**  
**Old Boys' Veritas Blues Club/VIVO**  
 8:00 – 10:00 p.m. Coristine Hall

**Tuesday, April 26, 2016:**  
**Toronto Old Boys' Reunion**  
 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Venue & exact date TBD

**Wednesday, April 27, 2016:**  
**Boston Old Boys' Reunion**  
 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Venue & exact date TBD

**Thursday, April 28, 2016:**  
**New York Old Boys' Reunion**  
 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Venue TBD

**Monday, May 30, 2016:**  
**18th Old Boys' & Friends Golf Tournament**  
 12:30 p.m. Venue TBD

**Thurs, June 9, 2016: (rain date: June 14)**  
**16th Annual Old Boys' Tennis Tournament**  
 5:30 p.m. Hillside Tennis Club



# Jon Emile's Songs of Freedom

The message of Black History Month was never delivered with more style and substance. Jonathan Emile (**Jonathan Whyte Potter-Mal 2003**) is a Selwyn House Old Boy who beat cancer in 2004 and went on to become a hip-hop artist and found his own record label the following year. Since then he has recorded with Kendrick Lamar, one of the biggest stars of hip-hop, and has opened for artists like Sean Paul and Nelly. He has been named to the long-list for two Grammy awards, one for his solo hip-hop recordings and one as lead vocalist with the Franco Proietti Morph-tet, a group he appeared with at last year's Montreal Jazz Festival.

But he came to Selwyn House on February 26, 2015 to deliver a presentation called "Songs of Freedom," a program he wrote under the auspices of Overture With the Arts, a Montreal-based organization that allows young people to pursue their passion in the performing arts when they wouldn't otherwise have the finances to afford classes. Jonathan's "Songs of Freedom" tour was just winding up its Montreal and Toronto leg, after having done three weeks of bookings in England, his second European tour.

"Songs of Freedom" traces the timeline of slavery, how it took root as an offshoot of colonialism and gave rise to racism as a way of rationalizing the inhumane treatment of enslaved peoples. In the case of African slaves, their owners sought to suppress them by cutting all cultural and familial threads that united them. But even after their families and their very names were taken from them, the slaves were left with one possession: their music.

Elements of African music still can be heard clearly in hip-hop, jazz, blues, rock, pop, in fact in most of the music styles popular today. In addition to his own original songs, Jonathan played and sang classics by Sam Cooke, Bob Dylan and Bob Marley that helped give voice to the civil rights struggle in the United

States in the 1960s, as they still do today.

"Music is a tool for communication and social justice," Jonathan told his audience.

His was a righteous and moving tribute to the eternal striving for equality among all people, and it spoke to Selwyn House students in a language they understand.

Jonathan continues to maintain an incredibly busy schedule, studying philosophy and political science at McGill while pursuing his musical career. He has a new album recorded, to be released soon.

"I'm happy with the way things are moving forward [in my career]," Jonathan says. "I'm doing what I love and I feel I'm communicating my message, not only in these presentations, but also with my music." ■





# Fleischer warns about concussion



**S**elwyn House Old Boy **Tim Fleischer '92** visited the school on January 27, 2015 to deliver a very urgent message about the dangers of concussion in sports.

Tim knows the subject very well. He was a McMaster Trophy winner at Selwyn House, excelling in football, hockey and rugby. Upon graduation, Tim entered Choate-Rosemary Hall School, where he captained the football team to back-to-back New England Prep School Championships in 1992 and 1993. Accepted to Harvard, in 1994 Tim won a spot at starting fullback and became the first freshman to start in Harvard football history, and he was captain of the team in 1997 when they won an Ivy League Championship. Drafted into the Canadian Football League in '97, Tim became one of few players in CFL history to win four Grey Cup championships with four different teams. In 2010, Tim was one of the two first inductees into the Selwyn House Athletic Hall of Fame.

But he did not revisit Selwyn House to talk about his storied career. He came to warn students and parents about concussions, how common they are and how they can be diagnosed and treated.

He started by describing the brain as a fragile organ "the consistency of pudding or Jell-O." When the head is violently shaken, the brain moves within the skull, and can be seriously

injured, even though the athlete may feel no pain nor see any injury. A jolt can cause a concussion, even if there is no blow to the head. Sudden linear motion can also cause a concussion, but rotational motion is even more dangerous.

Athletes who sustain concussions are 3.79 times more likely to get a subsequent muscle or ligament injury within the next 90 days, Tim said. But that is not the most serious possible outcome.

Many times, an athlete and his teammates do not realize when a concussion has taken place. Too often, athletes are eager to continue playing, and that's where the situation can get even more serious. "Trying to hide symptoms puts you at risk and puts your teammates at risk," Tim stressed.

Second-impact syndrome (SIS) occurs when an athlete who has already sustained a head injury sustains a second head injury before symptoms have cleared from the first. This second blow to the head, sometimes minor, can result in a loss of auto-regulation of the brain's blood supply, leading to rapid brain swelling. Fifty per cent of SIS sufferers die, and the survivors rarely recover fully. It usually occurs to athletes under the age of 21.

Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE) is a progressive degenerative disease of the brain found typically in athletes and others who suffer repetitive injuries to the brain. Symptoms include mood-changes like depression, aggression and impulsivity, as well as cognitive impairments such as loss of memory and executive functioning.

Recently there has been an increasing alarm over cases of dementia among NFL players who sustained repeated head injuries. Some cases of suicide among former pro-football players have been blamed on CTE. Up until 2007 the NFL was still denying that a connection existed.

"The year 2007 was the first time the world changed in how we look at concussion," Tim said. "The incidence is much higher than anyone thought."

How to avoid these injuries? With 60 to 75 per cent of concussions occurring in

practice, teams could reduce hits in practice. They could avoid targeting the head in contact. Modern equipment doesn't necessarily help the problem; in fact harder modern padding can make the situation worse. Neck-strengthening exercises and changing helmets often can help.

When a head injury takes place it's "critical, critical, critical that you repair it," says Tim. The only treatment is rest, both physical and cognitive. That means no TV, no computer and no cell phones.

To save our brains we must use our brains, Tim says. The only solution to the concussion problem is "changing the way we think." ■



# Survey of the Class of 2005



A surprisingly high number of Old Boys from the Class of 2005 say their career choice was clear to them before they graduated from Selwyn House, and that their career path has led them to a job they now feel passionate about.

These are only some of the results of a recent survey of the 10-year graduates of Selwyn House undertaken by James McMillan, Director of Advancement. Thirty-eight out of 55 graduates responded to the survey.

Nearly three-quarters of the 2005 Old Boys attended CEGEP after Selwyn House; 13 per cent completed Grade 12 in a Canadian high school, while 10 per cent attended a prep school in the US. Of those who attended a second institution, 87 per cent attended university in Canada. Over 30 per cent earned a BA, half that number earned a B.Com., with slightly lower percentages going into engineering and science.

Of those who went on to earn a postgraduate degree, 40 per cent were

evenly split between law and medicine. But not all have wound up being doctors or lawyers; a few have more colourful resumé's. One 2005 Old Boy went from riding a bicycle rickshaw to working as a carpenter in Argentina; another went into municipal politics; another started as an editor at Askmen.com; yet another became a professional poker player.

Nearly two-thirds of Old Boys who responded to the survey said they had a clear idea where their career path would lead when they left Selwyn House. More than half the respondents said their current job falls in line with what they expected to be doing.

But, more importantly, regardless of what their predictions were 10 years ago, a whopping 92.1 per cent say they are now working in a job they feel genuinely passionate about.

**Brendan Munzar**, for example, said he had no clear career goal when he graduated from high school. Now he has an education degree and is teaching math at Selwyn House. His path has

come full circle and he is now working in a fulfilling job.

"I am privileged to have gone to some of the strongest academic institutions in the world for high school and university," says Brendan. "These schools demonstrated to me the power of education and the positive role it can have in society."

"After graduating university, I was not sure that I wanted to be a teacher; however, the more I thought about the path I wanted to take, the more my focus narrowed on education. Instead of spending all my time thinking about how to solve the world's problems I thought my time would be better spent teaching others how to solve these problems. Through a career in education, I believe my efforts can have a cascading positive effect in society."

"After attaining my B.Ed. I was prepared to go overseas to England to begin my career, but the stars aligned and a spot opened up at my alma mater."

"After high school and CEGEP, I did my



# Survey of the Class of 2005



**Brendan Munzar**



**Alex Henderson**



**Nicholas Thorpe**

undergrad at McGill in political science and history,” says **Ben Wilner**. “I then went on to do my law degree at Université de Montreal (two of my three years spent with **Matthew Shadley**, as a matter of fact). I graduated last year, and then went on to do the Quebec Bar exam, which I passed in February of this year. What has made my life so hectic since then is that I was offered and accepted an internship with the appeals division of the UN International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, located at the headquarters of the UN International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia in The Hague, The Netherlands.”

**Alex Henderson** earned his bachelor’s degree at Bishop’s University, followed by a master’s at ESC Rennes in France.

“Notable events for me after graduating from Selwyn House have been working in Belgium one summer and another summer in Germany,” Alex says.

“After writing my thesis I went back to work for my family business in Ontario and then back to Quebec during 2013. Since January, I have been living and working full time in Mexico as assistant general manager of our new

metal-stamping facility that serves the automotive and appliance industries.

“This has been quite the learning experience for me, as it was a greenfield operation and ISE Metal’s first operation in Mexico,” says Alex. “Our vision is to double the plant size in the next couple of years and then open another facility closer to central Mexico.”

Twenty survey respondents who reported having a clear career vision when they graduated from Selwyn House are now working in a profession consistent with that vision.

**Nicholas Thorpe’s** career path is an example of that. “I guess my career path has been pretty straightforward,” he says. “My mother is an orthodontist, and I decided in high school that I wanted to join her in her practice. I was accepted into pre-dentistry at McGill right out of Marianopolis, then decided I would go to San Francisco for my orthodontics residency and get my master’s degree. I moved there in 2012 and came back in October 2014. I have been working with my mother at our practice, Go Orthodontistes, since then.”

Of course, 10 years of life experience

can change things. The career paths of a few 2005 Old Boys have undergone a radical change of direction. For instance, Ben Wilner thought he wanted to become a doctor; he has now switched fields and is studying law. Jonathan Shen visualized himself in a science-related career; now he is in real estate. Jordan Altman saw himself as a management consultant or an architect; like Wilner, he has now moved into law.

Overall, nearly 47 per cent of respondents are still working in the field in which they started. Approximately one quarter have moved into a second career; 19 per cent are in their third.

But having a clear sense of direction does not mean the journey will be a short one. Six members of the Class of 2005 have attended a fourth educational institution since Selwyn House. **Zachary Roland** set the record by attending a fifth institution—Hyper Island in Stockholm—for a degree in digital data strategy. **Andrew Bloomfield** is currently attending Sacker School of Medicine in Tel Aviv to complete his medical degree.



# Boffey wins 1st OBA Fall Golf Classic



From left: Matthew Rossy , Eric-James Boffey, Thomas Rohan and Liam Shannon

**E**ighteen Old Boys attended the first annual Old Boys' Association Fall Golf Classic on September 27, 2014 at Caughnawaga Golf Club.

Playing were: Stefan Papich 2009, Samer Balaghi 2009, Philip Cabana 2009, Andrew Pelekis 2009, Benjamin Spencer 2000, Thomas Spencer 2003, Matthew Peris 2003, Joshua Wisenthal 1999, Michael Aziz 2009, Frédéric Langelier 2009, Geoffrey Hebert 2009, Joshua Hanek 2009, Eric-James Boffey 2012 (low gross winner), Thomas Rohan 2011, Matthew Rossy 2012, Liam Shannon 2012, Yan Besner '96 and Arnold Lazare '79.



## Yellows take 5th OBA Ball Hockey Tourney

**T**hirty Old Boys and staff members took part in the Fifth Annual Old Boys' Ball Hockey Tournament, held in the Speirs Gym at the school on October 18. The final was won by the Yellow Team (Daniel Cohen 2006, Caleb Jones 2008, Dylan Jones 2003, Dimitri Manousos 2003, Jasdeep Minhas 2003 and Emmanuel Simon 2003, who defeated the Blue (Papich) team 5-3.



# Montreal Reunion 2014

A total of 148 Old Boys, staff, former staff and friends attended the 36th annual Old Boys' Reunion, held at the school on September 19, 2014.

This year, special invitations were extended to members of classes ending in a 4 or a 9. Honours for highest turnout went to the Class of 2009, with 35 Old Boys in attendance.

Fredrik Svenstedt '84, who had flown in from Paris for the event, welcomed all those in attendance.

More at [www.selwyn.ca/photos](http://www.selwyn.ca/photos).

## Attending were:

Ben Albright 2004  
Nancy Allard-Coutu (staff)  
Jody Amblard '74  
Mark Andermann '94  
Mitchell Arnovitz 2009  
Charles Ayas 2004  
Michael Aziz 2009  
Justin Bahlis 2004  
Matthew Beckerleg '94  
Charles Bierbrier '93  
Kathleen Biggs (retired staff)  
Jonathan Blanshay '84  
Jonathan Brady '94  
Alec Brown '84  
Eric Bunge '84  
Peter Burgess '74  
Elliot Burrows 2009  
James Caldereri 2009  
Christian Campeau '89  
Jonathan Caplan '79  
Tyler Cavell '94  
Charles Chan 2009  
Gaspard Charlebois 2009  
Arjan Chhatwal 2004  
Mary Ann Cloherty (staff)  
Michael Cohen 2009  
Kim Corcoran (staff)  
Maximilian Cronin 2009  
Mark Culver '74  
William Daly '52  
Christian de Keresztes '74  
Francesco Del Bianco '89  
Paul Delplace 2004  
Andrew Dennis 2009  
Christopher Deruchie 2004  
Judy Diez d'Aux (guest)  
Robert Diez d'Aux '64  
William Dodge '89  
Susan Doherty (guest)  
Michael Dorfman '94



From left: Josh Hanek, Charles Chan and Anton Schlemm (all Class of 2009)



From left: William Daly '52 with Robert Diez d'Aux, Christopher Hoffmann and John Pike (all '64)



Members of the Class of '74



# Montreal Reunion 2014

Michael Downey (staff)  
 Tom Downey (staff)  
 David Drury '94  
 Sean Duffy 2004  
 Sean Finnell 2009  
 Bryan Fitzpatrick '74  
 Kathy Funamoto (staff)  
 Edward Garson '89  
 Christopher Gayton '94  
 Jeffrey Gollob '74  
 Peter Govan (staff)  
 Max Graham 2004  
 Francesco Grassi 2009  
 Abhinav Gupta 2009  
 Mark Haichin 2008  
 Stephen Hall '79  
 Sunny Handa '84  
 Joshua Hanek 2009  
 Hal Hannaford (staff)  
 Geoffrey Hebert 2009  
 Gregory Heck '74  
 Edward Herba '89  
 Christopher Hoffmann '64  
 Stuart Iversen '74  
 Attila Joo '84  
 Karim Kaidbey 2009  
 Eric Karpman 2009  
 Nicholas Kaulbach '94  
 Christopher Keene '84  
 Jamin Kerner '94  
 Thomas Kirk 2004  
 Jamie Koenekoop 2009  
 Josh Koenekoop 2009  
 Irina Kondratieva (staff)  
 Thomas Königsthal '74  
 Gerald Kounadis 2007  
 Christine Krushelnyski (staff)  
 George Kyres '74  
 Frédéric Langelier 2009  
 Myles Lann 2009  
 Joanne Lelovic (guest)  
 Stephen Letko 2009  
 Ian Levine 2009  
 Shawn Levy 2009  
 Corey Lowsky '94  
 Andrew Lumsden (retired staff)  
 Carol Manning (staff)  
 Paul Mansour-Geoffrion 2009  
 Nicholas Maris '74  
 Kerry Martin '57  
 Robert Mason '84  
 Michael Maurovich (staff)  
 Oliver Maurovich 2009  
 Paul Mayer '74  
 James McMillan (staff)



From left: Andrew Price, Stephen Hall and Jonathan Caplan (all Class of '79)



Members of the Class of '84



Members of the Class of '89



# Montreal Reunion 2014

Luca Melnychuk 2007  
 Marco Melnychuk 2009  
 Jonathan Merritt 2004  
 Milton Mihalcioiu 2009  
 Thomas Morse 2004  
 Cindy Morton (staff)  
 Ivan Neilson 2004  
 Minh Nguyen 2009  
 Thomas Nicoll (retired staff)  
 Brent Nordin '74  
 Alfie Paoletti (staff)  
 Alec Paterson '74  
 Louis Pearson '94  
 Ethan Peress 2009  
 Arne Peterson 2004  
 John Pike '64  
 Ellen Pinchuk (retired staff)  
 Andrew Price '79  
 Daniel Roiter '94  
 Shawn Rosengarten '94  
 Neil Sabharwal 2009  
 William Saillant 2009  
 Devkumar Sainani '74  
 Conor Sampson '89  
 Mikael Sandblom '84  
 Marc Schaffer '94  
 Anton Schlemm 2009  
 Karl Schroeder 2009  
 Joel Scott '89  
 Patrick Shannon (staff)  
 Brent Sheldon '84  
 Gregory Speirs '89  
 Benjamin Spencer 2000  
 Murray Stark '74  
 Fredrik Svenstedt '84  
 Peter Szilagyi '99  
 Tuyen Ta 2009  
 Raja Talla 2009  
 Pierre Taylor-Deschamps 2004  
 Jonathan Tryansky '94  
 Jason Tsoukas '99  
 Charles Vennat 2005  
 Rob Wearing (retired staff)  
 Ben Wearing '94  
 Stuart Weigensberg '94  
 Richard Weldon '74  
 Bradley White '94  
 Eric Widdicombe '84  
 Barry Williams (retired staff)  
 Richard Wills (staff)  
 Joshua Wisenthal '99  
 Daniel Yelin '89  
 Robbie Zalcman '99



Members of the Class of '94



Members of the Class of 2004



Members of the Class of 2009



# Induction of the Class of 2015

**M**embers of the Selwyn House Class of 2015 were officially inducted in advance into the Old Boys' Association at a dinner held at the school on November 5, 2014. The Grade 11 students were joined by members of the OBA board of directors, as well as by the students' fathers or older brothers who are Old Boys. The guests talked with the students about the benefits of belonging to the OBA, while Board Chairman Ben Spencer officially welcomed the Grade 11s into the Association.



At right: Anthony Rivera 2015  
with Fil Papich '77

# Big turnout for August BBQ 2014



Sixty-eight Old Boys and staff attended the 2014 Young Old Boys Barbecue on August 14. This event gives graduates from the past five years a chance to return to school during their summer break and renew acquaintances with their classmates. The boys get together for a beer and a burger in Cristine Hall and catch up on what their friends and former teachers have been up to.



# Reunions

## CALGARY

Five Old Boys and two staff members attended the annual Calgary Reunion on October 14. In the photo, from left, are: Jamie Seguin '96, Kasey Fukada '84, Taylor Gray '73, Stephen Ludgate '71, Hal Hannaford (staff), Alexander Gault '80 and, taking the photo, James McMillan (staff).



## VANCOUVER

Five Old Boys and two staff members attended the annual Vancouver Reunion on October 15. In the photo, from left, are: Zander Brais 2011, Hal Hannaford (staff), John Carsley '67, Noah Bloom '96, Keith Martin 2002, Nicholas LeMoine '56 and, taking the photo, James McMillan (staff).



## OTTAWA

Six Old Boys met with Headmaster Hal Hannaford, Advancement Director James McMillan and Annual Giving Director Mary Ann Cloherty at the Fish Market Restaurant in Ottawa on February 19 for the annual Ottawa Reunion. In attendance were: Bobby Chon 2002, Mary Ann Cloherty (staff), Carl Dholandas '97, Gregory Fergus '86, Hal Hannaford (staff), James McMillan (staff), Rodney Moore '58, Ivan Ralston '61 and George Windsor '56.





# Reunions

## LONDON

Fifteen Old Boys, friends and Selwyn House staff gathered on March 19 for the annual London Old Boys' Reunion. In attendance were: Karim Belkhou 2011, Alan Cameron 2000, Susan Doherty (guest), Ross Gelber 2006, Hal Hannaford (staff), George Harrington 2004, Michael Henderson '90, Neill Hunt '94, Tom Kabuga '93, James McMillan (staff), James Phillips '83, Marc Schwarz 2001, Steven Shashoua '92, Ron Sirdeshpande '93 and Jason Tsadilas '88.



## TORONTO

The following Old Boys attended the Toronto Reunion April 29: Sean Bernstein 2003, Michael Bowey 2004, Samuel Carsley 1999, Stéphane Côté 2002, Denny Creighton '72, Brian Dawson '80, James Deitcher '98, Richard Denis '85, Carl Dholandas '97, Michael Dorfman '94, Christopher Eich '97, Tony Garufi '98, Sean Gong 2012, Zach Greenberg 2003, Colin Grey '92, Julian Heller '75, Sean Maislin 2003, David Marler '70, Sean McKinnon '98, Marc Minogue 2007, Matthew Munzar 2000, Fil Papich '77, Martin Pitt-Bradley '98, Christian Porraccio '99, Christopher Roper '72, Evan Sequeira 2008, Kyam Shell-Schnitzer 2001, Sean Sofin '84, Jason Tsoukas '99, Marc van Ginkel '80, Michael Whitehead '78, Bruce Williams '77.



## NEW YORK

The following Old Boys, staff members and guests attended the annual New York Reunion on April 30: Brandon Adelson 2010, Adam Blanshay '98, Matt Busbridge '99, Harry Cape 2010, Mary Ann Cloherty (staff), Chris Cosgriff, Susan Doherty (guest), Samuel Fish 2003, Michael Gross 2000, Reid Hannaford 2012, Alisse Hannaford (guest), Hal Hannaford (staff), Geordie Henderson 2010, Philip Hospod '99, Eric Martz 2002, James McMillan (staff), Ivan Neilson 2004, Daniel Palardy 2004, Adam Rozencwajg 2001 and Shawn Trudeau 2001.





# Greens take Nicoll / Mitchell Cup



**Standing, from left: Tom Nicoll, Steve Mitchell, Mark Smith, Michael Smith, Vinay Desai, Sasha Papich, Fil Papich, Nikki Papich, Philip De Stefano and Justin Peress. Kneeling: Christopher Malouf, Matthew Rossy, Kevin Ratcliff, Cameron Romoff, Andrew Rossy and David Barmish. Goalie: Michael Codina-Lucia**

**S**eventy-one Old Boys, staff members and parents took part in the 17th annual tournament at Westmount Arena on December 18 to compete for the Nicoll/Mitchell Cup.

Taking part were:

Cameron Anderson 2014  
Tim Anderson 1986  
Andrew April 2004  
Michael Avedesian 1988  
Michael Aziz 2009  
David Barmish 2012  
Lee Benaroch 2014  
Eric-James Boffey 2012  
Robert Bouskill (staff)  
Sean Brophy 2004  
Chris Brun 2004

Kirk Brydges (staff)  
Michael Codina-Lucia 2008  
Casey Cook (staff)  
Philip Cutler 2005  
Josh Dannenbaum 2012  
Philip De Stefano 2010  
Andrew Dennis 2009  
Vinay Desai 2008  
Michael Downey (staff)  
Tom Downey (staff)  
David Dupont 2012  
Jacques-Yves Gadbois 1991  
Amanda Gill (staff)  
Jonah Goodman 2014  
David Grier (staff)  
David Haber 1994  
Camille d'Entremont 2005  
Hal Hannaford (staff)  
Jeff Hebert (guest)  
Matt Held (staff)

Caleb Jones 2008  
Jamie Koenekoop 2009  
Sebastien Lajoie (staff)  
Frédéric Langelier 2009  
Ian Levine 2009  
Anthony Lukca (staff)  
Jonathan Hoppenheim 2004  
Christopher Malouf 2011  
Patrick Malouf 2005  
Dimitri Manousos 2003  
Zachary Martin 2007  
Michael Maurovich (staff)  
Emlyn McCutcheon 1996  
Jeremy Micheletti 2011  
Jason Miller 2013  
Filip Papich 1977  
Nikki Papich 2010  
Sasha Papich 2008  
Trevor Parekh 2000  
Geoffrey Parsons 2013

Justin Peress 2010  
Matt Pickrell (staff)  
Kevin Ratcliff 1977  
Edouard Robert-Morin 2000  
Cameron Romoff 2011  
Andrew Rossy 2011  
Matthew Rossy 2012  
Thomas Savvas 2011  
Liam Shannon 2012  
Patrick Shannon (staff)  
Tim Shaw 2011  
Mark Smith (Parent of Old Boy)  
Michael Smith 2010  
Benjamin Spencer 2000  
Peter Szilagyi 1999  
Nicholas Thorpe 2005  
Francis Vaclair (staff)  
Josh Wisenthal 1999  
Christopher Wong 2004  
Anthony Zitzmann 1989



# Colin No Fund tops \$170K

Eighteen Old Boys, joined by the indefatigable coach Peter Govan, took to the court on January 15 to battle for top honours in the 11th annual Colin No Classic basketball tournament.

The tournament is organized in

memory of Colin No, a '97 graduate who died in 2002.

The Colin No Fund, which provides needs-based bursaries for students attending Selwyn House, has recently grown to a sum of well over \$170,000.

Video at [www.selwyn.ca/photos](http://www.selwyn.ca/photos).



## Players:

Philip Clark 2005  
Michael Cohen 2009  
Antoine Duong 2012  
Peter Govan (staff)  
Robert Joy 2012  
Ziad Kaedbey 1997  
Masaud Kakkar 1993  
Joseph Kano 2010  
Basil Karim 1998  
Bronson Kiu 2005  
Ian Marquis 1997  
Alexander Mashaal 2010  
Oliver Maurovich 2009  
Jonathan Merritt 2004  
Brendan Munzar 2005  
Toby No 1997  
Kevin Paul 2008  
George Perlman 2013  
Adrian Schauer 1996



# Golf raises \$62,000 for bursaries



Selwyn House parent Christy Grant on the practice range.

Fifty-two golfers braved the rain on May 25 and enjoyed a day on the links at Kanawaki Golf Club for the 17th Annual Old Boys and Friends Golf Tournament. The Tournament raised \$62,000 to help build the Selwyn House Old Boys Endowment Fund for bursaries to benefit future generations of students. A portion will also go toward educational initiatives of the Old Boys' Association.

For more photos, go to [www.selwyn.ca](http://www.selwyn.ca) and click on "photos".



From left: Old Boys' Board Member Charles Vennat 2005 presents the plaque to the winning foursome, the Shannon Family: Paula, James 2008 and Pat (staff).



Old Boys' Low Gross winner EJ Boffey 2012 with Josh Wisenthal '99.



From left: Old Boys' Association President Ben Spencer 2000, Tournament Organizer Michael Avedesian '88, Headmaster Hal Hannaford and Organizer Hagen Mehnert '84.



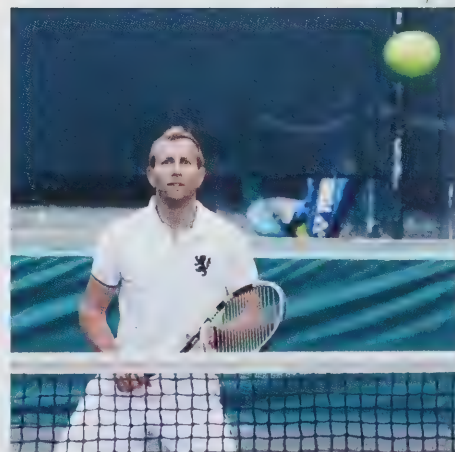
# Experience prevails in OB Tennis

Retired Selwyn House Math Teacher Andy Lumsden now has his name on the Old Boys' Tennis Tournament trophy a record six times. He and his partner, Matthew Beckerleg '94 edged out Kosta Grillas 2012 and Andrew Ramsey '84 to win the 15th annual Tournament, held on June 11 at Hillside Tennis Club.

In one of the rounds, the oldest men in the game, Colin Ross '51 and William Daly '52, beat EJ Boffey and Matthew Rossy, both of the Class of 2012! Competing were: Matthew Beckerleg '94, EJ Boffey 2012, William Daly '52, Kosta Grillas 2012, Hal Hannaford (staff), Nicholas Kaulbach '94, Brendan Keefe 2010, Andrew Lumsden (retired staff), Charles Porteous '84, Andrew Ramsey '84, Colin Ross '51 and Matthew Rossy 2012.



Top photo, from left: Old Boys' Association President Ben Spencer 2000 presents the winners' trophy to Andy Lumsden and Matthew Beckerleg, seen here with runners-up Kosta Grillas and Andrew Ramsey.  
Left: Brendan Keefe  
Right: Scott Ross  
Bottom left: EJ Boffey  
Bottom middle: William Daly  
Bottom right: Nicholas Kaulbach





# Graduation: Eulogy for the living

In his parting words to the members of the class of 2015, Headmaster Hal Hannaford drew upon his recent experience of giving a eulogy at his mother's funeral to deliver a message to the graduates. Rather than focus on building an impressive resume, he said, think about what you would like your own eulogy to be at the end of your own life.

"I want to read someone's eulogy decades before it is necessary," he said. "I want to know someone by what is going to be said about them after they are gone. We spend so much time in creating a record of what we have done, we forget to create a document that can clearly state what sort of person we are. So, why not think about your own personal eulogy?"

Headmaster Hannaford reiterated the three tenets of the school's motto: *Veritas*. That is, to be true to one's self, true to others and true to one's school. He quoted William Shakespeare, Oscar Wilde and Mark Twain to underscore the first of these.

## Moral integrity

To illustrate the principle of being true to others, he read an email Senior English Teacher Liana Palko sent to one of her students who participated in a service day activity at a local food bank.

"I just wanted to drop you a line to tell you how proud I was of you yesterday," Ms Palko wrote. "You were just terrific with all the clients at the food bank—kind, respectful and caring. Sometimes, even more than the much-needed food they receive, people who are down on their luck need to know that their inherent humanity is being acknowledged by others, and you did just that; you treated everyone there with dignity. I know you haven't always been the star student or top-flight



**Head Prefect Nicholas Johnson receives his diploma from retiring school receptionist Annie Snabl.**

athlete, but to me, your generosity and compassion make you a far better role model for our students than any trophy or academic accolade you might have won. Your empathy and moral integrity will take you far in this world. Well done."

"I wish I could receive a note like that during my life," Mr. Hannaford said. "That, Gentlemen, is what really matters."

Being true to one's school, he concluded, translates as "be passionate about what you do. Passion and hard work—there can and will never be any substitute."

## Gratitude

In his Valedictorian address, Head Prefect Nicholas Johnson's message was one of gratitude.

He thanked the teachers in the school's French program for transforming a totally unilingual young boy into a fluently bilingual young man. He thanked the board of directors, Old Boys' Association and the school's donors for the financial aid he has benefitted from since Grade 7. And he thanked his classmates for making him feel part of "a unique form of brotherhood."

"Truly great friends are hard to find, difficult to leave behind and impossible to forget" he said. "The bonds we formed at Selwyn House will never dissipate."

And he thanked the school overall for giving its students "a phenomenal academic, athletic and artistic foundation."

"Selwyn House has splendidly supported our social and emotional development in a climate of inclusivity and respect for diversity," Johnson said. "Let us never forget the lessons we have learned here." ■



# 2015 Graduation Prize Winners

## Distinction Awards:

The McCall Prize for Art: Antoine Smirnov  
Music: Aidan Walter  
The Patricia Marsh Drama Prize: Ambar Srivastava  
The C.G. Ian Burgess Award for Distinction in Creative Writing: Matthew Bonnell  
The Byron W. Harker Prize for Distinction in Literature: George Pamel  
Français Plus: Nicholas Johnson  
Français Enrichi: Joshua Archibald  
Français Régulier: Michael Lapenna  
The Consul General of Spain Prize for Spanish: Michael Frances, Nathan Palayew  
The Moodey Prize for Distinction in Mathematics  
SN Math: George Pamel  
CST Math: James Dalton  
Calculus: Nicholas Johnson, Theo Cape  
Chemistry: Theo Cape, Nicholas Johnson  
Physics: Nicholas Johnson  
The McGill Science Award: Theo Cape  
Computer Media: Anthony Rivera  
Contemporary World: Yiwen Li, Aidan Walter  
Economics: William Malouf  
The D.W. Christie History Prize: Josh Thouez-Kreisman  
Political Science: GianCarlo Elisii  
The Troubetzkoy Prize for Social Studies: Pierce Cullen

## Special Awards:

The Thomas Henry Pentland Molson Prize for General Excellence: Theo Cape  
Governor General's Bronze Medal for Academic Distinction: Nicholas Johnson  
The YMCA Community Service Award: Keel Scruton  
The Massi Prize for Effort: Aidan Walter  
The Millennium Prize (donated by the Class of 1999): Carlo D'Angelo  
The Redpath Herald Award: Carol Manning  
Thomas Chalmers Brainerd Memorial Award: Nolan Bedard  
The Jeffrey Russel Prize: Sam Lamanuzzi  
The Lucas Memorial Medal: Nicholas Johnson

## Class of 2015 Representatives to the OBA:

Paul Beltekas, Nicolas Cossette, Nicholas Johnson, Samuel Lamanuzzi, Yiwen Li, Jordan Phillips, Joshua Thouez-Kreisman and Aidan Walter.



Nicholas Johnson receives the Lucas Medal from Senior School Head Mike Downey (left) and Board Chairman Michael Denham.



Sam Lamanuzzi receives the Jeffrey Russel Prize.



Nolan Bedard receives the Brainerd Award from Susan Doherty and Board Member Yan Besner '96.



# Class of 2015 Academic Destinations

Jordan Altman.....Dawson..... Social Science  
 Joshua Archibald-Cimon.....UCC  
 Enan Ashaduzzaman .....Marianopolis.....Health Science  
 Gabriel Balass.....Dawson..... Science  
 Ryan Beauchamp.....Marianopolis..... Social Science  
 Nolan Bedard.....St Paul's  
 Mahdi Bedrouni.....Marianopolis.....Health Science  
 Paul Beltekas .....Marianopolis..Pure & Applied Science  
 Matt Bonnell.....Marianopolis..Pure & Applied Science  
 Guillermo Bontoux-Serres...Lakefield  
 Gabriel Brassard .....Marianopolis.....Health Science  
 Theo Cape.....Brébeuf ..... Sci., lettres & arts  
 Roy Chahroui .....Marianopolis..... Social Science  
 Nicolas Cossette .....Marianopolis.....Health Science  
 Olivier Couture.....UCC  
 Pierce Cullen.....Marianopolis.....Commerce  
 Carlo D'Angelo.....Marianopolis..Pure & Applied Science  
 James Dalton.....Dawson.....Psychology  
 GianCarlo Elisii.....Marianopolis.....Commerce  
 Michael Frances.....Marianopolis..Pure & Applied Science  
 Jules Gagnon .....Marianopolis..Pure & Applied Science  
 Willem Gagnon .....Brébeuf ..... Gestion Admin.  
 Tristan Gallo .....Marianopolis.....Commerce  
 Angelo Guzzo.....St. Paul's  
 Tyler Higgins..... Canadian Online High School  
 James Houghton .....Dawson..... 1st Choice Science  
 Harry Islam .....Marianopolis.....Commerce  
 Nicholas Johnson .....Marianopolis.....Health Science  
 Antonio Joyanes Miralles.....St George's School, Spain  
 Henry Kaufman ..... To be confirmed  
 Kyriakos Koutsos ..... To be confirmed  
 Matthieu Lahaise.....Dawson..... Social Science

Samuel Lamanuzzi .....Marianopolis.....Health Science  
 Michael Lapenna.....Marianopolis..... Social Science  
 Jacob Lee-Howes.....Marianopolis.....Health Science  
 Yiwen Li.....Marianopolis.....Health Science  
 Daniel Malouf.....Dawson.....Commerce  
 William Malouf.....Dawson.....Commerce  
 Gianni Marini.....Marianopolis.....Commerce  
 Kyle McGeary-Mintzberg.....Dawson..... Social Science  
 Matthew Millot.....Marianopolis.....Health Science  
 Maximiliano Murdoch .....Vanier ..... Social Science  
 Lucas Oppen.....Dawson.....Commerce  
 Nathan Palayew.....Marianopolis.....Health Science  
 George Pamel .....Dawson..... 1st Choice Science  
 Jordan Phillips.....Green Mountain Valley School  
 Kiriakos Primbas .....Dawson..... Social Science  
 Muhammed Rashid.....Marianopolis.....Commerce  
 Anthony Rivera.....Dawson..... Social Science  
 Vito Salvo.....Dawson... Pure & Applied Science  
 Keel Scruton .....John Abbott .....Health Science  
 Antoine Smirnov .....LCC  
 Scott Spector.....Marianopolis.....Commerce  
 Ambar Srivastava.....Marianopolis.....Commerce  
 Michael Starnino.....Marianopolis.....Commerce  
 Chris Taylor ..... To be confirmed  
 Joshua Thouez-Kreisman .....Marianopolis.....Commerce  
 Zachary Useche.....Marianopolis.....Commerce  
 Juliano Vaccarino .....Vanier .....Health Science  
 Gregory Vasilogianis..... To be confirmed  
 Zachary Wagman .....Dawson.....Commerce  
 Aidan Walter .....Marianopolis.....Health Science  
 Dre Weekes .....Champlain ..... Social Science  
 Matthew Wendling .....Marianopolis..Pure & Applied Science



From left: Matthew Millot, Keel Scruton, Michael Starnino and Antoine Smirnov at graduation



# Boyle honoured by Athletic Dept

Members of the Selwyn House Athletic Department paid tribute to retiring teacher and coach Colin Boyle at the 2015 Athletic Celebration, held at the school on May 21.

Beginning in 1982, Colin taught chemistry to Grades 10 and 11, where his pyrotechnical demonstrations could sometimes be heard throughout the school. He also taught Grade 8 biology and Grade 9 science.

But it was Colin's coaching that was being celebrated on the 21st. Over his 33 years at Selwyn House, he coached Midget Basketball and Bantam and Grade 7 Football.

Some of Colin's most successful seasons on the basketball were accomplished with the help of his co-coach, his son, Kevin, who graduated from Selwyn House in 1997.

Colin coached Kevin in Gr. 7 Football and Midget Basketball. Kevin now works at Selwyn House teaching science in Senior School and coaching Midget Basketball.

The two Boyles co-coached Bantam Football for two years and Midget Basketball for eight years.

"I was really fortunate to have had the opportunity to both teach Kevin and then coach him," Colin says. "We know each other intuitively, and we get along famously."

In a slideshow tribute, Colin's colleague Marty Boyle (no relation) reminded the audience of



**Above: Colin and Kevin Boyle at the Athletic Celebration. Below: the father-son coaching powerhouse with their championship 2010 team.**



Colin's own athletic accomplishments as a "standout wide receiver" at McGill and in adult football and basketball associations.

This was followed by a touching tribute by Kevin. Himself a veteran of the McGill Basketball Redmen, Kevin spoke about the life lessons learned from his dad while on the field or the court, and how their mutual love of sport has served as an inspiration to him.

"I was very touched by the words spoken about me by Marty and Kevin," Colin said afterward. "Although I really enjoyed my science teaching, I had a real passion for the coaching part of the job."

The department presented Colin, who is an avid cyclist, with a new mountain bike for his retirement. ■



# Athletic Celebration 2015 Awards

## FALL AWARDS 2014

### Midget Soccer:

MVP.....Adario Chirgwin-Dasgupta  
Coach's award.....Raphael Gad

### Bantam Soccer – Team Gold

MVP.. Matthew Caponi, Justin Caponi  
Most Inspirational.....Josh Nadler  
Most Promising.....Raphaël Ferreira,  
William Petrecca-Berthelet

### Bantam Soccer – Team Black

MVP.. Alexandre Tellier, Charles Culver  
MIP.....Austin Di Nezza  
Team Player.....Thomas Martin

### Juvenile Soccer

Co-defensive MVP ....Nicolas Cossette,  
Antoine Smirnov  
MVP.....Samuel Lamanuzzi

### Cross-Country Running

MVP.....James Houghton  
Most Promise.....Sam Abramson

### Cadet Football

MVP.....Val Wishart, Van Wishart  
MIP.....Luca Di Battista  
Best Linesman.....Vincent Rizzolo

### Juvenile Football

MVP...Dhandré Weekes, Nolan Bedard  
Linesman of the year ....Angelo Guzzo,  
Josh Thouez-Kreisman, Paul Beltekas  
Coaches' Award.....Jordan Phillips

### Pee Wee Football

MIP.....Harry Maurovich  
Most Promise.....Colin Rolph

### Pee Wee Football

MIP.....Kaylan Bruno

Most Promise.....Jade Boucetta

## WINTER AWARDS 2014-2015

### Bantam Basketball

MVP.....Harry Maurovich  
Defensive Player.....Jade Boucetta  
Most Promise.....Gabriel DiBert

### Pee Wee Hockey

MVP (offence).....Joshua Feldman  
MVP (defence).....Connor Cloëta  
MIP.....James Michelin  
MPP.....Johann Tremblay-Kau

### Bantam Hockey

MVP.....Kyle Blasi  
MIP.....Charles Culver  
Team Player.....Vincent Rizzolo

### Midget Basketball

MVP.....Carl Chahrouri  
MIP.....Tyler Stern  
All-Hustle.....William McIernon

### Wrestling

MVP.....Val Wishart  
MIP.....Alexander Johnson



From left: Dhandré Weekes and Sam Lamanuzzi receive the McMaster Memorial Trophy from Senior School Head Mike Downey.

Most Promise.....Henri Lajeunesse  
Outstanding Career Achievement .....  
Nathan Palayew

### Juvenile D-3 Basketball

MVP.....Nolan Bedard  
MVP Defence.....Michael Cristiano

### Juvenile Basketball

MVP.....Dhandré Weekes  
MIP.....Joshua Archibald-Cimon  
Most Promise.....O'Shae Ho-Sang

### Curling

MVP.....Gregory Vasilogianis  
Most Promise.....Jack Duncan

### D-League Basketball

Noah Assayag and Nathan Varnell

### Swimming.....Yiwen Li

### Juvenile Hockey

MVP.. William Malouf, Daniel Malouf  
Most Promise.....Shayne Tessler  
Defensive Player.....Emmanuel Ferreira

## SPRING AWARDS 2015

### Midget Badminton

MVP.....Liam Marèngere  
MIP.....Oliver Dubrovsky

### Bantam Badminton

MVP.....Kieran Hamilton (A team)  
MIP.....Andrew Dawson (B team)

### Tennis

Juvenile.....Aidan Walter  
Midget.....Shayne Tessler  
Bantam .....Andrew Petrecca-Berthelet

### Bantam Track and Field

MVP.....Kyle Blasi  
Most Promise.....Luke Kalaydjian

### Midget Rugby

MVP.....Harry Hosker  
Best Back.....Vittorio Guzzo  
Best Forward.....Thomas Bâby  
Most Promise.....Vincent Rizzolo

### Juvenile Rugby

Borner Trophy (MVP) ..Jordan Phillips  
Best Forward.....Paul Beltekas  
Best Back..Sam Lamanuzzi, Evan Norris

### Baseball

MVP.....Jules Gagnon  
MIP.....Jake Star  
Best Pitcher.....Gerry Nikolopoulos

### Senior Track

MVP.....James Houghton  
MIP.....Pierce Cullen  
Most Promise.....Tyler Stern

**McMaster Memorial Cup,  
Senior School Athlete of the Year:**  
Dhandré Weekes, Sam Lamanuzzi

### Alumni Award (Grade 9):

Vincent Rizzolo

### Cassils Memorial Cup (Grade 8):

Kyle Blasi

### David Tobias Team Award:

Midget Rugby Team



# Guzzo named to Order of Merit



O n June 11, 2015 **Vincenzo (Vince) Guzzo '86** received the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic, the highest-ranking honour bestowed by the Republic.

The order is given by decree of the President of the Italian Republic as head of the orders of knighthood, on the recommendation of the President of the Council of Ministers. It is awarded for "merit acquired by the nation" in the fields of literature, the arts, economy, public service, and social, philanthropic and humanitarian activities and for long and conspicuous service in civilian and military careers.

"It's an honour that my parents' country of origin thought of awarding me the National Order for the positive actions in both business and philanthropy that I have been doing," Vince told *Veritas*. "It's nice to know that people so far away are actually taking notice."

Vince says he received the honour not only for his business and philanthropic activities, but also for "having given a positive image of Italian citizens abroad. Even though I was born in Canada I have both Italian and Canadian Citizenship," he explains.

The presentation took place at the Italian Consulate in Montreal.

## CORRECTIONS

On page 28 of the 2013-2014 issue of *Veritas*, in the article on the Colin No Basketball Tournament, the grad year for Geoffrey Hebert 2009 was omitted from the list of participants. We apologize to Geoffrey for the mistake and thank him for contacting us to let us know.

**Vincent Prager '59** has established the Oppenheimer-Prager Museum at Dayspring in St. Andrews-by-the-Sea, New Brunswick to house paintings by his grandfather, Joseph Oppenheimer, R.P., (1876-1966) one of the founders of the German school of impressionism, and his mother, Eva Prager O.C., (1912-2010), the well-known Canadian artist. The museum will also display their collections of interesting correspondence, memorabilia, jewelry, etc. The museum website is [www.museumatdayspring.org](http://www.museumatdayspring.org).

## SELWYN HOUSE SCRAPBOOK

We realize the photo at right is not very clear, but if you squint your eyes you can make out the image of retired Selwyn House Director of Athletics Rob Wearing and French Department Head Alain Weber (perhaps during their tenure as Co-Headmasters), accompanied by one Father Christmas, aboard a horse-drawn wagon inside Coristine Hall. At far right, retired teacher Roger Ninchiri looks on nonplussed.





# Old Boy Updates

**Michel Guite '59** recently had dinner with President Barack Obama. He wrote to us with details of the occasion, some reminiscences, and some updates on his family:

"The dinner with Obama was at a neighbor's house in Greenwich, CT, on October 14, 2014, with about 25 dinner guests, and some White House staff, and several senators. Our family supported Barack Obama when he was a young senator, long before he ran for president, and we were guests at his first inauguration, but had not met him in person before. I had met many politicians, but was almost knocked off my feet by how friendly Obama was to my three young sons, how interested, and how warm and kindly he was to them. I liked him before the dinner, but loved him after the dinner. It was a wonderful and inspiring event.

"My days at Selwyn House are filled almost entirely with memories of dear friends from the Class of '59, including **Harry Bloomfield**, whom I still see often with his wife Nancy and sons, **Timmy Coristine**, **Lee Watchorn**, **Ralph Walker**, **John Beament**, **Vincent Prager**, and mathematics and science teacher Mr. Edgar Moodey, who was so wonderful a man. I nonetheless did terribly poorly in academic performance, and was every two weeks, for years, ranked 17th or 18th out of 18 in our class, tied for last place with either **Stephen Paquette** or **Keith Murfin**, and I recall only somewhat fondly a 50th reunion dinner at Vincent Prager's house in Montreal, when former teacher and Old Boy Mr. **Fred Tees '44** leaned over toward me at dinner, and said repeatedly, three times, "But we thought you were so stupid", pronouncing "stupid" very



slowly, as if it had three syllables.

"Ah well, those were the old days!

"[My family and I] all live in Greenwich, where I have six children. One who is 31, Dr. Sophie Guite, works at Morgan Stanley in New York. (Sophie has a PhD from Columbia, I have PhD from Stanford, and Sophie's mom who is my ex-wife has PhD from Harvard, so our extended family is quite densely populated with PhD's.) Daughter Diane Guite, 30, is attending Harvard Business School. My three sons in the photo, Jean-Paul, 14, Graham, 12, and Ware, 11, all go to Greenwich Country Day School. Our youngest, Jean-Paul, who turned 4 a few days ago, was too young to attend the Obama dinner, but is also at Greenwich Country Day."

## 1984

**Erik Blachford '84** had so much fun as a boy spending summers at Camp Nominique in the Laurentians that, when the camp came up for sale recently, he decided to buy it. A venture capitalist now based in San Francisco, Erik has no plans to run the place, but definitely intends to keep sending his sons there. For more, read the feature in the June 22, 2015 *Gazette*.

## 1996

**Jamie Seguin '96** and his wife Gillian Lindsay (Trafalgar '97) welcomed their daughter, Chloe, Seguin on January 8, capping off a great year for the Seguin



family! After 11 years working in the CFL with the Montreal Alouettes, the CFL League office and currently as the Senior Director of Game Operations and Events with the Calgary Stampeders, Jamie finally won his first Grey Cup! The 102nd Grey Cup was a riveting game between the Stamps and the Ti-Cats, with Calgary coming out on top 20-16 in thrilling fashion.

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## 1998

**Jordan Goldwarg '98**

is the Seattle Regional Director of Kids4Peace, a summer camp that brings together Muslim and Jewish

children from Israel and Palestine, as well as the U.S. and Canada, to learn skills of tolerance in a troubled world. A very interesting profile of Jordan's project appeared last August in *The Seattle Globalist*.





# Old Boy Updates

## 2002

Good news from **Keith Martin 2002**. On September 9, 2014 he was awarded a patent for a concept he had while working as a co-op student at Ballard Power Corporation in 2007.

"This patent is for a single-sided solid polymer electrolyte fuel cell seal (think: hydrogen fuel cells)," Keith explains. "It allows for a thinner fuel cell design, resulting in greater power density, and is particularly suitable for fuel cells operating at low pressure.

"Currently, this fuel cell technology is being used in a distributed generation system at a Toyota facility in Torrance, California.

"The patent was first filed in 2008, taking six years before being awarded. I am very excited. This is my first patent, and it is an honour to be able to display a US patent plaque in my office space!"

## 2007

**Marc Minogue 2007** recently contacted us with news about members of the Class of 2007. "I am currently working for GE Oil & Gas in a two-year rotational financial management program in Calgary," he writes.

"Funny enough, the world has brought **Christopher Au 2007** and myself back together. Chris and I recently moved out here for six months as he was hired into the exact same program and business as me.

"We are living and working side-by-side in Calgary and recently visited our dear friend **Tim Charron 2007**, who is the hotel manager of Bellstar Resorts at Kicking Horse Mountain in Golden, BC.

"I hope that you are doing well and I must say that I was very impressed by the progress that I have seen at Selwyn House, as I was at the graduation this summer for a family friend.

"Please let me know if there are any Old Boys that I may be able to connect with out here."



From left: **Tim Charron, Mark Minogue and Christopher Au (all 2007)** atop Kicking Horse Mountain

## 2008

**James Shannon**

**2008** had a headlining CD launch show at O Patro Vys June 27. He describes his new CD as "a mix of blues/house and country rock."

He recently graduated Queens with a Bachelor in Applied Economics, and has moved to Toronto, where he is working in international sales for a company called Entertech, which sells next-generation Biometric Security solutions. Following in the footsteps of his mother, Paula, who heads up global sales for her company.



## 2009

**Bjorn Dawson 2009** was recently a finalist in the CEOx1Day program, which provided him with the opportunity to spend a day shadowing

Elyse Allan, CEO of GE Canada. Bjorn has written an account of his experience in more detail at [www.bjorndawson.ca](http://www.bjorndawson.ca). Bjorn is the CEO of his own company,

Grobo, and is a mechanical engineering student at the University of Waterloo. "Although I'm in engineering, my passion lies in business strategy and, more recently, in the psychology around building teams and products," says Bjorn. Bjorn also won a \$25,000 business pitch competition on July 24, 2014 for Grobo, a business start-up he and his partners developed at the University of Waterloo. Grobo produces app-controlled kits to enable city dwellers to grow vegetables indoors year-round.





# Old Boy Updates

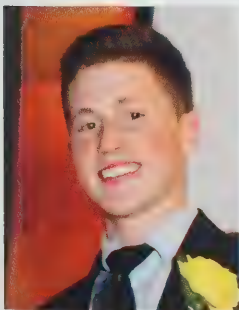
**Sean Finnell 2009** was the subject of an article in the *McGill Reporter* last February. As president of the Desautels Faculty Management's Undergraduate Society, Sean passed a motion to create a new undergraduate space in the Bronfman Building to "invest in the future quality of the B.Com. program."

**John Lamont 2009** writes: "I thought I would share this with my fellow alums and squash enthusiasts. Yesterday afternoon, my college squash team captured its 15th National Division 1 Championship in the last 20 years, over St. Lawrence University. It was the first time in the event's history where the final did not include an Ivy League team. This was my second championship in four years. I finished my career at Trinity with a 33-3 record."

## 2012

A September 3, 2014 preview of the Concordia Stingers' football roster made special mention of two former Gryphons. At quarterback, **Colin Sequeira 2012** garners "praise for his strong arm and decision making." At cornerback, **Connor O'Brien 2010** is described as a "very physical and knowledgeable" player. To read the full article, go to the CFC website.

## 2014



**John "J J" Molson 2014** recently committed to go to UCLA on full scholarship. "I will be the starting kicker in the fall of 2016, and I enroll next June!" he writes.

It came down to a choice between UCLA and the University of Alabama. "I chose UCLA because it was a much better fit for me. I have one more season with John Abbott before I leave."



**The Old Boys' Blues Band onstage at Selwyn House April 2. To watch videos of their performance, go to the homepage of [www.selwyn.ca](http://www.selwyn.ca) and look for the large black button labelled "photos".**

J J is the subject of a fantastic profile on Rogers Sportsnet. To view it, go to YouTube and search for John Molson Jr.



**Alex Moore 2014** won the gold medal in the 69-kilogram weight class at the 2015 Canadian Wrestling Championships, held in Fredericton, New

Brunswick in April. He defeated four opponents and was not scored upon during the tournament.

At the same event, Alex was named Canadian Cadet Wrestler of the Year for 2014, as a result of his international accomplishments last year, which include winning a silver medal at the 2014 Pan American Championships, a 14th-place finish at the 2014 World

Championships and a sixth-place finish at the 2014 Youth Olympic Games.



**Karl Valentini 2014** writes: "This year I started an exciting new venture to encourage high school and university students to research and

write about economics. As part of my venture, I published an economics journal this past fall, and **Michael Frances 2015** wrote one of its articles. The organization offers students the opportunity to become official contributors if they either write for the journal or submit two blog articles of 350 words on business, economics or international relations." Email Karl at [www.csbusinessreview.com](http://www.csbusinessreview.com).



# Old Boy Obituaries

**C. Andrew (Andy) Hersey '36** died peacefully on April 5, 2013 at age 90, after a short illness. Born in Montreal, he was the son of the late Andrew C. Hersey and Kathleen (McIntyre). Andy and Aileen (Greenfield), his wife of nearly 70 years, lived in Victoria, BC and Mississauga before moving to Halifax in 1987. He also leaves daughters Janet Pond of Thornhill; grandchildren David Pond, Stephen (Kathy) Pond of Oakville; Andrea Pond (Alun Williams) of Toronto; great-grandchildren Emily and Stephen Jr. of Oakville; as well as daughter Kathleen (Bill) Hopkins of Dartmouth, NS and grandchildren Graeme (Becky MacKenzie) and Jamie Hopkins of Halifax. Andy was a friend to everyone he met. Many lives were brightened by his presence. In lieu of flowers, you may make a donation to the Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia, or charity of your choice.



**Anthony R.C. Dobell '42**, the noted cardiovascular and thoracic surgeon, passed away in Montreal on June 17, 2015. He was 88.

Dr. Dobell was so devoted to cardiovascular and thoracic surgery that after his retirement from the Montreal Children's Hospital he would still perform pacemaker surgeries.

The former surgeon-in-chief and director of the pediatric cardiovascular surgery division at the Montreal

Children's Hospital was one of the first physicians to perform open-heart surgery in Canada.

He worked with adults and children after graduating from McGill University's school of medicine in 1951. During his career, he performed more than 2,000 heart operations on children.

In 1962, he donated his own blood to a six-year-old girl he operated on because they shared the same rare blood subgroup. In the 1990s, when a young child's heart stopped, he quickly performed an open-chest heart massage for the first time in 15 years to save the boy's life.

His son Curzon Dobell worked as an orderly at the Children's with his father. He said his dad would keep everyone calm during surgeries and play classical music in the background.

"That was one of the most unique things about my dad: he never looked like he was stressed out and he never caused anyone to feel stress," Curzon said.

His career path involved stints in hospitals in Montreal and Philadelphia, where he pursued his residency. Dobell was both professor emeritus and director of McGill's cardiovascular and thoracic surgery division. In 1997, he was made a member of the Order of Canada for his work.

Beyond his love for medicine, Dobell was married to his first wife, Cynthia, for over 50 years until she died in 2006. He

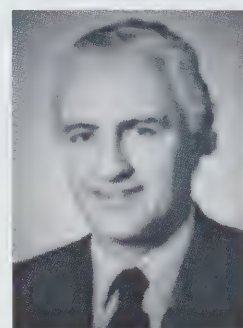
is survived by his second wife, Marion. He leaves behind four children, seven grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Active well into his 80s, Dobell used to ski in Mont Tremblant and visited Scotland earlier this month. He enjoyed spending time with his loved ones and playing tennis in the Laurentians.

His children said he fought for inclusion, whether that was in the operating room or by promoting bilingualism during the Quiet Revolution in the 1960s.

*The Montreal Gazette*

**Leslie H. Gault '43** died peacefully from complications of old age on April 22, 2015 in Calgary. For his entire life, he was tireless and selfless in providing the greatest happiness and opportunities for his family. We will always recall him for this, and for the accomplishment of all of his greatest goals. Leslie will be lovingly remembered by his devoted wife, Carol; his sons, Nicholas, Alexander and Sebastian; his sons' wives, Arlene and Debbie; his grandchildren, Joseph, Genevieve, and Matthias; and his stepsons, Clive, Michael and Tom Hooton. Leslie was predeceased by his brother, Henry, and sister, Patricia.



Leslie made notable contributions to civic life in both business and charity. Among his posts in Montreal, he served as President of the Irish Protestant Benevolent Society; Director of The Murray Bay Protestant Church; President of the Selwyn House Old Boys' Association; President of The Hillside Tennis Club; and Director of Royal Trust Industrial & Commercial Real Estate. Keenly interested in arts and culture, he supported the McCord Museum in Montreal and Theatre Junction in Calgary. In Calgary, he enjoyed success in commercial real estate as President of Stermar Development Corp. His lifelong support of The Princess Patricia Light Infantry—originally founded in 1914 by his uncle, Brigadier Hamilton Gault—culminated in 1992 with the erection of a commemorative statue in Confederation Square, Ottawa.

We will further remember Leslie for his unique character, as a passionate tennis player and Canadian Davis Cup team member, a lover of history, a lovable rascal possessed of the driest of wit, a man of indomitable will, insouciant in the face of adversity.

*Calgary Herald*

**Derek G. H. Eadie '44** died on May 10, 2015 In his 88th year. Derek passed away peacefully at the Pierrefonds Manor, Pierrefonds, Quebec. He was predeceased by his parents, Marie Gwendolyn Eadie (Bishop) and George Herbert Harrison Eadie. Derek was very close to his mother all his life and is



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now resting next to her at the St. George Anglican Cemetery in Bathurst, New Brunswick. Derek attended Rothesay Collegiate School in Rothesay, New Brunswick. He was an avid gardener and a passionate Montreal Canadiens fan. A long time member of the congregation, he was a dedicated volunteer at the Church of St. James the Apostle in Montreal. Derek's family is grateful to the West Island Palliative Care Centre and to his wonderful caregivers at Comfort Keepers. A Memorial Service was given for Derek Eadie at the Church of St. James the Apostle in Montreal, Quebec, on May 29, 2015. Donations to the Church of St. James the Apostle would be appreciated. *The Montreal Gazette*

**Mitchell Bronfman '51** passed away peacefully on August 21, 2014 in his 80th year at Fort Lauderdale, Florida with his longtime friend and companion Danielle Martel at his side. Many thanks to all the doctors who helped him beat the odds for so long. He is survived by his daughter Marla Joy, his daughter Laurie Ann and her son Allan Petrilli, his daughter Andrea and her children, Alexander, Rebecca and Garret Pouliot and granddaughters Vienna and Kia Pouliot, children of his late daughter Robin Paige. All arrangements are private. Donations may be made in his memory to The Montreal Heart Institute Foundation or The SPCA Montreal.

*The Montreal Gazette*



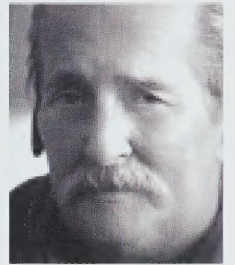
**Peter David Yuile '53** died on December 1, 2014. With courage and dignity, Peter left us to join his heavenly family. We mourn the loss and will remember his joie de vivre, generosity of spirit, steadiness under adversity and hard work. Cherished memories will remain in the hearts of his wife, Sue (and Sam, their border collie); daughters Sarah (Tyler Gibson) in Toronto and Amy (Robert Campbell)

in Kingston, Ontario; son Tim (Tracey) in Vancouver and granddaughters Estella and Clementine Campbell. Dear son of the late Loretta Coffey and Barclay Yuile from Montreal, Peter will be lovingly remembered by his aunt, Libby O'Brien in Westmount, Quebec; his sister, Susan Assaly, in Vankleek Hill, Ontario and their families. An alumnus of Selwyn House School, Lower Canada College, Sir George Williams University and the University of Western Ontario, Peter enjoyed a lifelong career in the investment community. He was a fun and caring individual who always shared his unique and endlessly positive view of life. Our thanks to Dr. Catherine Fitzgerald and the compassionate team at Victoria Hospice for their dedication and care. A Memorial Reception was held at the Union Club, 805 Gordon Street, Victoria on Tuesday, December 16, 2014

at 2:00 p.m. Interment took place at Mount Royal Cemetery, Montreal. Condolences may be offered to the family at [www.mccallbros.com](http://www.mccallbros.com)

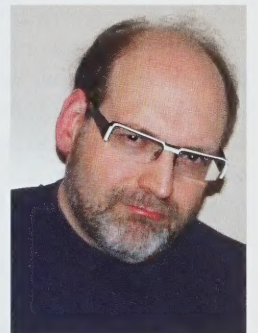
*The Calgary Herald*

**John McConnell '65** died on May 29, 2015, after a lengthy illness, during which he received excellent care from numerous doctors, nurses and other professionals, in particular Martine TrancheMontagne, Georgia Milonakos, Dr Ralph Kachanoff and Dr. Pierre Cartier. John was the loving son of John Griffith McConnell and Evelyn Kirwan-Taylor, who predeceased him. He was a longtime resident of Sainte-Marguerite-du-Lac-Masson in the Laurentians and Montego Bay, Jamaica, which he deeply loved. A funeral service took place on Friday, the 5th of June, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. at the Chapel of the Mont Royal Funeral Complex in Outremont. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made and will be gratefully accepted by Diabetes Quebec, or The Kidney Foundation of Canada.



**John D. Cooper '70** passed away on June 7, 2015 after an extended illness. John is survived by many dear family members, friends and coworkers. A celebration of John's life was held on June 27th, 2015 in the chapel at the Mount Pleasant Visitation Centre. In lieu of flowers donations in John's memory can be made to Bridgepoint Active Health Care Foundation, Palliative Care Unit in Toronto.

**John Clive Spiegel '80**, respected psychiatrist, neurologist, teacher, author, actor and, most recently, amateur stand-up comic, passed away quietly on August 7, 2014, after a long and valiant battle with brain cancer. Clive was born in Montreal on April 17, 1964, to Vera and Colin Spiegel. From his early years at the Selwyn House School, he displayed a passion for classical music and theatre. In fact, after completing his honours degree in psychology at McGill University, he moved to London, UK, to study acting at the Mountview Theatre School. This was followed by a year at the University of South Dakota's renowned directing program. Upon his return to Canada, he continued to act and direct, before realizing that his true calling was in medicine. On the recommendation of his much-loved stepfather, Louis Robichaud, he applied to medical school in Laval, Quebec, where he completed the entire program in the French language.





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Through his studies there and his early work in psychology, Clive felt his talents and interest lay in the fields of neurology and psychiatry. He was right. After attending the Albert Einstein College of Medicine Psychiatry Residency Program in New York, he opened up a busy practice in Manhasset, where he specialized in neuropsychiatry, and psychosomatic medicine. Clive was also Medical Director for Behavioural Health at the Morris Heights Health Centre, as well as a respected author, instructor, and popular lecturer at psychiatric conventions across the country. Clive is survived by his loving mother and constant supporter Vera; devoted wife, Jackie, and children Kyle and Alexandra. He will also be sadly missed by Aunts Agi and Eva; cousins George, Judith, Ron, Jeff, Patty and Kathy as well as the many, many patients who he helped with his brilliance, patience, humour and indomitable spirit.

*The Montreal Gazette*



It is with profound sadness that we announce the sudden passing of **Blair Michael Sheridan '82** on September 28, 2014, at age 49 in Kiev, Ukraine. Most dearly beloved son of Heather and the late Alex. Loving brother of Melanie (Daniel) and very proud uncle of Marc-André, David and Michael. Husband of Tatiana Sedova, exceptional father of Katie and Patrick in Almaty, Kazakhstan. He was a graduate of McGill University (B.A. 1989) and Carleton University (M.A. 1994). Blair's wit and intelligence were unmatched. As a multilinguist and voracious reader, Blair was able to converse on any subject ranging from politics to history to sports to punk rock music and *The Simpsons*. He was a passionate member of the Montreal Wanderers Rugby Club, as well as a proud brother of the Zeta Psi Fraternity at McGill. Blair travelled and worked extensively throughout Europe and Central Asia. He managed to keep in touch with scores of friends around the world and will be so sadly missed by all.

Cremation will take place in Kiev. The date and time of his memorial will be determined once his ashes are returned to Montreal. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Zeta Psi Foundation of Canada or the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada.

*The Montreal Gazette*

**Benjamin William Herlinger '93** was killed October 1, 2014 in Atlanta, GA, on his beloved motorcycle, hit while waiting at a red light. Born in Montreal, he attended FACE, Selwyn House and Weston schools and graduated from MIND High School. He worked hard to be admitted to Concordia University, where he earned a B.Eng. in mechanical engineering in 2003 and was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon. He moved to Victoria and was employed by BC Transit, where he met Karen Kennedy, the love of his life; they were married in July 2012. He spent three months motorcycling through Europe, after which he moved to Atlanta, where he worked for MARTA. After many months of waiting, Karen was finally able to join him in Atlanta where they enjoyed an all-too-brief three months of happiness together. Ben is deeply mourned and survived by his wife, Karen; his parents, Daniel and Margaret (Peggy) Herlinger; his sister and brother-in-law, Gillian Herlinger and Todd Sinclair; his niece and nephew, Morgan and Ian Sinclair; his mother-in-law, Diane Kennedy; Karen's daughter, Dayle Kennedy; his sister- and brother-in-law, Sol and Sarah Kennedy; his aunt and uncle, Mary and Jack Lindberg; his cousins, Sara Hobert, Krista Rivers and Melissa Sutton and their families; Karen's extended family; and many friends who knew and loved him. He was a kind and gentle man, with a talent for friendship and a very special gift of sharing laughter. A celebration of Ben's too-short life will take place at a later date.



*The Montreal Gazette*

## Hannaford receives Leadership Award

Selwyn House Headmaster Hal Hannaford was one of two recipients of the 2015 Art of Leadership Award from the Canadian Association of Accredited Independent Schools at the organization's Summer Leadership Institute. Criteria for the award state that the recipient must be nominated by his peers, must have mentored others and must have influence

that extends beyond his own school and province. Mr. Hannaford's colleagues attested to his unique leadership style. Last year's winner was former SHS Headmaster Will Mitchell, now Head of Bishop's College School. To watch a video of Hal's acceptance speech, go to the CAI+S website.



# K to Grade 11 Open House

Selwyn House School is a private English boys' school from Kindergarten to Grade 11, leading to a Quebec Secondary School Diploma.



Great Minds, Big Hearts

**Thursday October 1, 2015**

5 - 8 pm: School tours

5 pm: Information session for Kindergarten

7 pm: Information session for Grade 7

Selwyn House School  
95, ch. Côte St-Antoine  
Westmount (Québec) H3Y 2H8

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# 37th Annual Old Boys' Reunion

Friday,  
Sept 25,  
2015

Come back to campus in September and reconnect with your former teachers and friends. Share stories over dinner and drinks.

All Old Boys, their guests, and former and current staff are welcome.

We hope to see many of you celebrating a special anniversary year (those years ending in a 5 or a 0).

RSVP at [www.selwyn.ca](http://www.selwyn.ca) via the Online Event Registration button.

Cancellations: Full refund before Sept. 12.

No refunds thereafter.

For more information, contact the Advancement Office at 514-931-9481 ext. 2242

5:00 p.m. Tours of SHS campus

6:00 p.m. Cocktails

7:00 p.m. AGM and Dinner

9:30-11:00 p.m. Pub (Cash Bar)

Tickets: \$60

\$25 for recent grads (2009-2013)

Complimentary dinner for former staff

Cash bar



## Founder's Day 2015

The Board of Directors and the Headmaster of Selwyn House invite you to celebrate the founding of the school and to honour the 2015 Speirs Medal recipient,

**John Hallward**

Old Boy Class of 1978

Selwyn House Board of Directors 1996 - 2007  
(Chairman from 2003 - 2007)

Veritas Fund Board of Directors 1999 - present  
(Chairman since 2013)

Lucas Fund Board of Directors 2003 - present

Thursday, November 26, 2015

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Selwyn House School

95 Chemin Côte St-Antoine

Presentations will begin at 6:45 p.m.

Spouses and guests are most welcome.

Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and refreshments.

The Old Boys' Association will announce the 2015 Honorary Old Boys.

RSVP by November 20, 2015

